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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3548**  
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Serial No. 10/501,234 : Group Art Unit 2446  
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A ROUTING DEVICE FOR CONNECTING  
MULTIPLE PHYSICALLY DISCRETE  
NETWORKS INTO A SINGLE SYSTEM  
AND STARTUP METHOD THEREOF  
(AS AMENDED)

**Mail Stop: RCE**

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 18, 2008, the period for response having been extended by one month to March 18, 2009, and in view of the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith, kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows: